



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 2, 2018 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the August 2, 2018 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:02 pm in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Turk led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: William Turk, President; Harold Greene, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman(absent); Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Michael Gaston, Councilman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor(absent); and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Terry Ahner-Times News, Mike Kutitz- NL Recreation Authority, Don Eckhart, Deb Paules, & Angie Seidel.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A. Mike Kukitz wants to speak to council privately. Patrice asked for an executive session.
 - B. Don Eckhart handed out a few facts about volley ball courts, maintenance, costs etc. They have a donation for the site work and a cash donation on \$2,000.00. Jen stated a note will be in the newsletter stating we are looking for donation to be able to install a volleyball court.
 - C. Angie Seidel informed council that a council member told her to come to the meeting. She talked about the late notices she received regarding garbage. It was explained to her that council set a policy for the office to follow. Those letters were put into the system and they system generates them for each step. She also complained about responses she received when she messaged the borough's Facebook page. There was a bear in the neighborhood. She was told to call the nonemergency number. They would inform the police and the game commission. Mrs. Seidel and councilwoman Hunsicker exchanged a few comments on Mrs. Seidel's way out.
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jen –
 - will need brief executive session to discuss a contract
 - Jen wanted to clear up a question that was asked last month by Patrice, why the health insurance reimbursement was over budget. After Jen and Annette looked into it, it was budgeted too low. That will be fixed going forward. Patrice said she wanted to know where the overage will be coming from. We will see closer to the end of the year.
 - B. Law – Mike & Harold - nothing
 - C. Streets –David & Harold –
 - they are fixing 6 catch basins
 - the sink hole on First Avenue was fixed under the warranty
 - D. Solid Waste – Patrice –
 - Devon Abstract LLC requesting reimbursement-Annette will explain-basically this was paid twice. Nike made the motion to reimburse Devon Abstract for the payment. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - Garbage complaints-
 - ❖ View Drive-dumpster is too small. It is overflowing Monday night already can something be done (resident)-Patrice said we can not police what is being dumped into it. The hauler does not have a bigger dumpster

E. Recreation – Jennifer – tree lighting ceremony will be December 1st

- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice
 - ❖ Harold made the motion to allow the NL Recreation Authority use the Walnutport Park and pavilion for their candy cane hunt on December 8th. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- WPA/WCA-Joan

F. Ordinance Review – Harold - nothing

- 2018-03-Green street (adoption 9/13)

G. Personnel –David & Michael - nothing

H. Secretary/Treasurer report

- Clarification of garbage billing (10.00 fee-Cole Wendling) Annette explained again the process of the letters and what happens for there is a sale. Mr. Wendling bought his house between the time the billing went out and the due date. He was never informed by the realtor or the settlement company that there was a garbage bill due.
- NL Cheerleaders-email & previous dates- Mike made the motion to approve the dates as long as this is only when it rains and when they cannot use the school and they need to complete an application for use of facility form. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- MMO-yearly motions-Motion to approve the 2019 financial requirements and MMO nonuniform \$14,211.00 & uniform \$88,188 made by Mike. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Newsletter-Annette needs anything else for newsletter. Requests were made about tires not being put out in garbage.

I. Grant Coordinator- Michael Wentz- Mike gave a few updates

- Traffic light
- Sands casino is in September
- LSA
- Monroe County casino
- band shell

6. New Business – nothing

7. Council entered into executive session to discuss a contractual issue (Jen request) and Recreational (Patrice request) from 8:10 – 9:05 pm. No action taken

Mike Wentz brought to council's attention that recreational is not a reason for executive session. Sunshine Act law states what can be taken into executive session. Terry from the Times News said he will be contacting their legal to get clarification.

8. Unfinished Business –

- Band Shell
- Rubber matting
- Volleyball court
- Twin Alley Storm water issue
- MS4 seminars (10/30)

9. Adjournment – Jen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Patrice seconded the motion.

Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer